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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
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#29 AUGUST 17, 2010

Sachi A. Hamai
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EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Dear Supervisors:

**PLANNING ASSISTANCE TO STATES PROGRAM AGREEMENT BETWEEN
THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT AND
U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS;
AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY
FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT AND
LOS ANGELES AND SAN GABRIEL RIVERS WATERSHED COUNCIL
(ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS)
(3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

This action is to authorize the Chief Engineer of the Los Angeles County Flood Control District or her designee to execute an agreement with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for the Greater Los Angeles County Integrated Regional Water Management Group Disadvantaged Community Outreach Evaluation Program, and to authorize the Chief Engineer of the Los Angeles County Flood Control District or her designee to execute an agreement with the Los Angeles and San Gabriel Rivers Watershed Council in order to assure tasks performed by Watershed Council to implement the Disadvantaged Community Outreach Evaluation Program will qualify as in-kind matching services as required by the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD ACTING AS THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT:

1. Authorize the Chief Engineer of the Los Angeles County Flood Control District or her designee to execute an agreement with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, in a form approved by County Counsel, for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to provide \$487,800 of technical support services for the Greater Los Angeles County Integrated Regional Water Management Group Disadvantaged

Community Outreach Evaluation Program.

2. Authorize the Chief Engineer of the Los Angeles County Flood Control District or her designee to execute an agreement, in a form approved by County Counsel, with the Los Angeles and San Gabriel Rivers Watershed Council in order to assure tasks performed by Watershed Council for the Disadvantaged Community Outreach Evaluation Program will qualify as matching in-kind services for the assistance to be provided by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The purpose of the recommended actions is to authorize the Chief Engineer of the Los Angeles County Flood Control District (LACFCD) or her designee to execute an agreement with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps), in a form approved by County Counsel, for the Corps to provide up to \$487,800 of technical support services for the Disadvantaged Community (DAC) Outreach Evaluation Program under its Planning Assistance to States (PAS) Program. The purpose is also to authorize the Chief Engineer of the LACFCD or her designee to execute an agreement with the Los Angeles and San Gabriel Rivers Watershed Council (Watershed Council), in a form approved by County Counsel, to assure that the tasks performed by Watershed Council will qualify as matching in-kind services for the assistance to be provided by Corps.

The California Department of Water Resources (DWR) established the Statewide Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) planning process under which various County of Los Angeles area agencies and organizations, including LACFCD, have organized the Greater Los Angeles County IRWM Group (GLAC-IRWM). In addition to the integrated planning efforts that the GLAC-IRWM Group has undertaken, DWR established, as a priority, the need to address the critical water supply and water-quality needs of designated DACs. Accordingly, DWR has agreed to enter into a contract with Watershed Council, acting on behalf of GLAC-IRWM, to provide \$500,000 in funding to the Watershed Council to conduct the GLAC-IRWM DAC Outreach Evaluation Program in order to develop a model for addressing critical water supply and water-quality needs of designated DACs. The GLAC-IRWM Group subsequently elected to make its own \$50,000 cash contribution to the DAC Outreach Evaluation Program. Under this program, various DAC groups will be identified and engaged with the GLAC-IRWM effort to develop projects that meet the water-related needs of DACs and the goals of the GLAC-IRWM Plan. The Corps has agreed to provide technical services to assist the DAC entities in developing project concepts and feasibility studies as a part of the DAC Outreach Evaluation Program.

The LACFCD will execute an agreement with the Corps to secure the technical services to be provided by the Corps since the Corps is not able to execute this agreement with the Watershed Council. The LACFCD will execute an agreement with the Watershed Council to assure that the value of the tasks performed by the Watershed Council for the GLAC-IRWM DAC Outreach Evaluation Program will satisfy the Corps' 50 percent in-kind match requirement for the PAS Program.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The Countywide Strategic Plan directs the provision of Community and Municipal Services (Goal 3). Improvements resulting from efforts made through the DAC Outreach Evaluation Program will provide flood risk management, water-quality improvements, and recreational/educational opportunities in various areas of the County of Los Angeles within the boundaries of the LACFCD, thereby improving the quality of life for the residents of the County of Los Angeles.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

There will be no impact to the County General Fund and the Flood Fund.

The total program cost will be funded as follows:

DWR contract with Watershed Council - \$500,000; Corps' PAS Program in-kind services - \$487,800; GLAC-IRWM financial contribution - \$50,000; which brings the total program cost to \$1,037,800.

The initial outreach efforts in the DAC Outreach Evaluation Program are expected to begin in December 2010.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

Section 22 of the Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) 1974 authorized the Corps to provide technical assistance to states for an amount of up to \$500,000 per state. Section 2013 of WRDA 2007 increased the maximum assistance to \$2,000,000 per state. The estimated amount of technical assistance needed from the Corps for the DAC Outreach Evaluation Program is \$487,800, all of which will be federally funded.

The Corps and Watershed Council agreements will be reviewed and approved by County Counsel prior to formal execution.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

The recommended action is an activity that is excluded from the definition of a project by Section 15378(b) of the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines. This proposed action would involve organizational or administrative activities of governments that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

There will be no negative impact on current services.

The LACFCD will benefit from this PAS Program in its efforts to implement multiuse approaches to flood risk management.

CONCLUSION

Please return two adopted copies of this letter to the Department of Public Works, Watershed Management Division.

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
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Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gail Farber".

GAIL FARBER
Director

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